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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: EGEN CG OVIP (ROBINSON, CHRLES W.)

SUBJ: UNDER SECRETARY ROBINSON'S VISIT TO ZAIRE

REF: A. STATE 34987; B. LAGOS 1840

1. CHARGE SPOKE WITH DIRECTOR PF PRESIDENCY BISENGIMANA, GOZ'S NUMBER TWO MAN, WHO HAS SET IN MOTION PREPARATIONS FOR UNDER SECRETARY'S STAY IN KINSHASA. GOZ, AS WE SUSPECTED, PTANS TO FOCUS ITS ATTENTIONS ON HIS VISIT AND HAS SKETCHED THE FOLLOWING HIGHLIGHTS.

2. UNDER SECRETARY CAN COUNT ON MEETING WITH PRES MOBUTU ALTHOUGH EXACT DATE AND TIME WILL NOT BE ESTABLISHED UNTIL WE GET CLOSER TO ACTUAL EVENT.

3. GOZ PROPOSES A CONFERENCE FORMAT FOR DISCUSSION OF INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC QUESTIONS -- PRINCIPALLY COPPER PRODUCER/CONSUMER DISCUSSIONS AND NORTH-SOUTH DIALOGUE -- WITH PARTICIPANTS DRAWN FROM VARIOUS GOZ DEPARTMENTS AND AGENCIES, PROBABLY ON SATURDAY MORNING, FEB 21 FOLLOWED BY A GOZ-SPONSORED LUNCHEON.

4. LATE AFTERNOON SAT, FEB 21 THE UNDER SECRETARY WILL MEET WITH THE STABALIZATION COMMITTEE WHERE THE SUBJECT WILL BE THE ZAIRIAN ECONOMY, IMF, THE STABALIZATION PROGRAM, AND THE AMERICAN INTEREST THEREIN.

5. BISENGIMANA PLANS PRIVATE DINNER FOR UNDER SECRETARY, PROBABLY SAT EVENING. GOZ ALSO PLANS TO MOUNT GALA SOIREE (PREPARE FOR
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BARBECUED MONKEY) DURING UNDER SECRETARY'S STAY.

6. INDIVIDUAL APPOINTMENTS WILL BE FILLED IN AS SOON AS MAJOR EVENTS ARE SET.

7. BISENGIMANA HAS OFFERED TO LODGE UNDER SECRETARY AND PARTY AT OAU VILLAGE AND PROVIDE TRANSPORTATION. WE HAVE ACCEPTED AS THESE ARRANGMENTS ARE PREFERABLE BOTH FROM SECURITY AND COMFORT STANDPOINTS.

8. GOZ PLANS TV COVERAGE OF UNDER SECRETARY'S ARRIVAL, AND AN ARRIVAL STATEMENT IS TRADITIONAL. WE WILL FURNISH IDEAS IN SEPTTEL.

9. WE REALIZE THE SITUATION IN LAGOS PER REF B MAY IMPINGE UPON UNDER SECRETARY'S TIMING. THE GOZ IS FLEXIBLE AND WILLING AND THEREFORE UNDER SECRETARY'S VISIT COULD PROBABLY BE DELAYED FOR A FEW DAYS IF NECESSARY. WE AWAIT YOUR EARLIEST RESPONSE SO WE MAY BEGIN TO FINALIZE ARRANGMENTS.

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